The parliamentary election in Germany

Can I vote?
Overview of the political system in Germany

- Chancellor
- Federal President
- Federal Cabinet
- Electoral College
- Minister President
- State Cabinet
- Bundesrat
- Federal Council
- 16 Landtag State Diets
- Bundestag Federal Diet
- Federal Constitutional Court
- Federal electorate (all citizens above 18)
- Länder electorate (all Länder citizens above 18)
Ways to participate in the political process
How elections work in general

„The people choose their representatives“
How elections have to be

• **Free**: Competition and personal decision
• **General**: Everyone shall have the right to vote
• **Secret**: Voting is anonymous
• **Equal**: Every vote has the same value
• **Direct**
Voting in Germany

299 electoral districts in Germany

38 electoral districts in Baden-Württemberg

Electoral district 281: Freiburg
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Two votes:
With the first vote you vote for a candidate of your electoral district
With the second vote you vote for a party
Voting in Germany

Voting is a **fundamental right** for the citizens.

The right to vote is one of the most important rights for the German citizens.

By voting the citizens get the chance to co-decide.

The elections in Germany are **free**.
That means: You are free to decide which party or which person you want to vote.
Voting in Germany

There are several political elections in Germany.

For example: In local elections the mayor of a municipality or a town is chosen.

In the German Landtagswahlen you vote parties or persons for the state diet (e.g. in Baden-Württemberg).

On **September 24th 2017** the German citizens vote for the German parliament, the Bundestag.
Who can vote?

Generally:

• All German citizens over 18
• EU-citizens have the right to vote in local elections if they have been living in Germany for at least 3 months
Problem:
Migrants can **not** vote in Germany

Ca **10 million** migrants who could not vote in the last parliamentary elections in 2013.

In **Baden-Württemberg:**
ca **600,000** people

In **Freiburg:**
ca **13,500** citizens
Project: Freiburger Wahlkreis 100%

To give migrants a voice and vote:

Symbolic elections parallel to the German parliamentary elections

Just as the „real“ elections
### The elections in 2017

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Goals of Freiburger Wahldkreis 100%

• more democracy
• give migrants a voice and vote so they may feel as a real part of German democracy

• The right to vote for migrants
More information in Facebook!
The parliamentary elections on September 24th 2017 at Erstaufnahme

- **10 a.m.-5 p.m.**: Polling place at Zwischenraum-Theaterzelt/FAIRburg, Lörracher Straße 9

- **Please bring** identification for proof of age and length of residency in Freiburg (passport, residence permit, etc.). -> **But no strict controls, don’t worry!**

- Your vote is anonymous and your name will therefore not be registered.
nós votamos!
seçim ilanı
noi votiamo!
نهن ننتخب
we vote
¡votemos!
мы выбираем!
ne votojme!
birajmo!
gilovere hilbijarê
 hư nghìn
allons voter!